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SUBJECT: SPANISH COST OF LIVING STATISTICS

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1. ANOTHER LEAK, THIS TIME TO THE LIBERAL MADRID DAILY "EL PAIS," HAS MADE PUBLIC THE PROVISIONAL FEBRUARY COST OF LIVING STATISTIC: 1.74 PERCENT IN THE 1976-BASE SERIES. EL PAIS STATES THAT THE TOTAL JANUARY/FEBRUARY PRICE RISE MEASURED BY THE NEW INDEX IS NOW SET AT 4.75 PERCENT (28.5 PERCENT ANNUALLY). A SOURCE AT THE NATIONAL STATISTICAL INSTITUTE (INE) HAD RECENTLY TOLD US THAT THE FEBRUARY FIGURE WOULD BE "ABOUT 1.8 PERCENT." BOTH JANUARY AND FEBRUARY FIGURES REMAIN "UNOFFICIAL," BECAUSE THE PRESIDENTIAL MINISTRY DOES NOT AUTHORIZE THEIR PUBLICATION.

2. ANDRES FERNANDEZ HAS BECOME THE NEW DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE. OUR CONTACT IN INE CONSIDERS FERNANDEZ A MEDIOCRE MAN WHO MAY PROVE A LESS FORCEFUL DEFENDER OF THE INTEGRITY OF THE STATISTICS THAN THE LAST DIRECTOR, WHO RESIGNED BECAUSE OF GOVERNMENT INTERFERENCE. EL PAIS IS GIVING
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ITS READERS A SIMILAR IMPRESSION OF THE FERNANDEZ APPOINTMENT.

3. IT HAS ALSO BEEN REPORTED THAT THE ENTIRE 400-MAN INE POPULATION SURVEY STAFF IS PREPARED TO STRIKE IF THEIR LABOR DEMANDS ARE NOT MET. IN ESSENCE THE INE WORKERS CLAIM THEY ARE NOT BEING PAID THE WAGES THEY WON IN A 1974 LABOR CONTRACT. EL PAIS HAS REPORTED

THAT THE PRESIDENCY HAS DECIDED FUNDS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AND THAT THE FINANCE MINISTRY HAS NOT "RECOGNIZED" THE 1974 CONTRACT. A STRIKE MIGHT SLOW THE PREPARATION OF STATISTICS, WHICH IS A DEVELOPMENT THAT MIGHT NOT BE WITHOUT ITS BRIGHT SIDE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE TO EXPLAIN THE GROWING ECONOMIC PROBLEMS REFLECTED IN THE STATISTICS.

4. AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE SUPPRESSION OF THE COL STATISTICS, NO CERTIFICATIONS OF THE COST OF LIVING HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR THIS YEAR BY INE. THESE CERTIFICATIONS, WHICH TOTALLED 20,000 LAST YEAR, ARE REQUIRED UNDER THE TERMS OF MOST LABOR CONTRACTS AND NUMEROUS COMMERCIAL CONTRACTS, AS WELL AS FOR MANY PENSIONS AND OTHER ANNUITIES. THE OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY CIFRA HAS REPORTED THAT "MOUNTAINS OF PETITIONS. HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND ARE BEING HELD PENDING. STABLER

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